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SUBJECT: FRG PROPOSAL FOR FEA PRESIDENT TO USE
TRANSIT ROUTES WITH PRIVATE VEHICLE

REF: BONN'S 11892, JULY 26, 1974

1. FRG REPS IN BONN GROUP JANUARY 23 STATED THAT IT APPEARED ADVISABLE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF FRG FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (FEA) IN BERLIN TO BE AUTHORIZED SOON TO MAKE USE OF TRANSIT ROUTES WITH PRIVATE VEHICLES FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN WSB AND FRG. SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA IN WSB, INTERNAL REGULATIONS HAVE REQUIRED FEA PRESIDENT AHD YICE PRESIDENT TO TRAVEL BY AIR BETWEEN WSB AND FRG, IN ORDER, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, NOT TO PROVIDE GDR WITH ANY INDUCE-MENT TO MAKE DIFFICULTIES. FEA EMPLOYEES HAVE, HOWEVER, USED TRANSIT ROUTES WITH PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLES WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, EXCEPT TURNBACK OF SECTION CHIEF VON NIEDING, JULY 29, 1974 (BERLIN'S 1266). SINCE THAT TURNBACK VON NIEDING HAS
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ALSO USED TRANSIT ROUTES IN THIS MANNER WITHOUT FURTHER

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INCIDENT. (NO FEA DUTY VEHICLES HAVE YET USED THE TRANSIT ROUTES.)

2. FRG REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT FURTHER SELF-DENIAL IN USE OF THE TRANSIT ROUTES BY THE FEA PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT COULD CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT FRG HAD ACCEPTED THE LEGAL ARGUMENT OF THE GDR. TO COUNTER THIS POSSIBLE IMPRESSION, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO LIFT THE PRESENT REGULATION, THEREBY AUTHORIZING THESE TWO OFFICIALS TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSIT ROUTES WITH THEIR PRIVATE VEHICLES. FRG REPS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PRESENT TIME APPEARED FAVORABLE AS IT COULD BE ASSUMED THAT GDR WOULD NOT WISH TO DISTURB THE UPCOMING FRG-GDR NEGOTIATIONS BY IMPEDING USE OF THE TRANSIT ROUTES BY THESE TWO OFFICIALS.

3. INITIAL REACTION BY ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO FRG PROPOSAL AND RATIONALE FOR IT AT THIS TIME. BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES ARE SEEKING VIEWS OF CAPITALS, AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM FURTHER. UNLESS BRITISH AND FRENCH POSITIONS CHANGE AND FURTHER REVIEW BECOMES NECESSARY, WE PROPOSE TO INDICATE THERE IS NO U.S. OBJECTION. WE WOULD IN THIS CASE ALSO MAKE THE POINT THAT THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD GIVE NO PUBLICITY TO THE TRAVEL OF THE TWO OFFICIALS, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE EVENT.
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